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Applicant Rambus Corp.
Group Art Unit 2816
Examiner Cunningham, Terry D.
Attorney's Docket No.RB1-041US

Title: VOLTAGE COMPENSATION WITH FEEDBACK (as previously amended)
[DISTRIBUTED VOLTAGE COMPENSATION WITH A VOLTAGE
DRIVER THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO FEEDBACK (as amended hereby)]

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED (MAILED) 09/24/2003

AS PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE

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WRITTEN REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC EXAMINER INTERVIEW

If the Examiner is not persuaded by the Remarks provided below as to the allowability of all of claims 1-73, Applicant's representative hereby requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner interview occur prior to the issuance (or completion) of an Office Action for the RCE.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is responsive to a Final Office Action dated (mailed) 09/24/2003 and serves as a Preliminary Amendment for an RCE. In the Final Office Action, claims 1-73 were examined, and claims 1-73 were rejected.

No claims are canceled or added by this Reply. Hence, claims 1-73 continue to be presented for examination.

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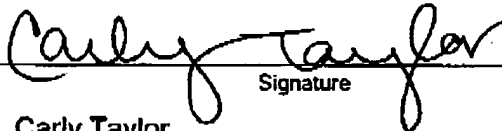
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-0769
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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